

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-23 and add new claims 24-40 as follows:

1-23. (CANCELED)

24. (NEW) Apparatus for generating a live video broadcast in which new information to be broadcast develops during said broadcast and said new information is reflected in three-dimensional text included with said broadcast, comprising:

video signal generation means for generating a live video signal;

a text input device and text input receiving means for receiving input text from said text input device;

a template storing means arranged to store a template of three dimensional preferences for input text;

text generating means for generating three dimensional text by formatting said input text in accordance with the three dimensional preferences of said template; and

combining means arranged to combine said three dimensional text with said live video signal to produce a broadcast signal.

25. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said text input device is a manually operable keyboard.

26. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said text input device is a real-time database.

27. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences are defined by a movement or by a alpha-numeric input.

28. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a behaviour that takes place as text is added.

29. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a rotation in two-dimensions or in three-dimensions.

30. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said three-dimensional preferences define a scaling factor, an extrusion, a texture, or a light source, or any combination of the aforesaid preferences.

31. (NEW) Apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said template storing means is arranged to store a plurality of available templates wherein one of said templates is selected for a particular application.

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32. (NEW) A method for generating a live video broadcast wherein new information to be broadcast in three-dimensional text develops during said broadcast, the method comprising:
generating a live video signal;
receiving input text from an input device;
reading a template of three-dimensional preferences for said input text;
generating three-dimensional text by formatting said input text in accordance with said three-dimensional preferences of said template; and
combining said three-dimensional text with said live video to produce a broadcast signal.

33. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said text input device is a manually operable keyboard.

34. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said text input device is a real-time database.

35. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences are defined by a movement or by an alpha-numeric input.

36. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a behavior that takes place as text is added.

37. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences specify a rotation in two-dimensions or in three-dimensions.

38. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said three-dimensional preferences define a scaling factor, an extrusion, a texture, or a light source, or any combination of the aforesaid preferences.

39. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said template storing means is arranged to store a plurality of available templates wherein one of said templates is selected for a particular application.

40. (NEW) A method according to claim 32, wherein said preferences define the position of said three-dimensional text.